



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, the benevolent and protective Order of Elks, through its constitution, is a Patriotic Order; and*

*WHEREAS, The Order promotes the ideals that the citizens of this state live in freedom, won through the great sacrifice and many tribulations which have provided the foundation for a free, prosperous, and independent life; and*

*WHEREAS, we realize that each generation must work to maintain this freedom, otherwise, through carelessness or indifference, the rights and liberties enjoyed may vanish; and*

*WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to recognize this freedom and to honor the nation which provides it now;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February 17 through 23 to be*

**PATRIOTISM WEEK**

*in Idaho.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-second day of January in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twelfth.*

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DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

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PETE T. CENARRUSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE